

REMARKS**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-41 are currently pending in the application.

By this Amendment, claims 1-41 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 42-71 has been added. No new matter is believed to have been added by these changes.

Upon entry of this response, Claims 42-71 would be pending.

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 AND 103:

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tanaka (US 7,327,387) (“Tanaka”). Claims 13-19, 36, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaya (US 2004/0109062) (“Yamaya”) in view of Tanaka. Claims 20, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 32, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Yamaya. Claims 22, 23, 26, 27, 30, 31, 34-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Yamaya and further in view of US 7,304,667 to Watanabe et al. (“Watanabe”). Claims 38 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaya in view of Tanaka and further in view of Watanabe.

Claims 1-41 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

New claims 42 and 55 are directed to apparatuses which receive or transmit information relating to a file part by part by the second and third reception/transmission units. This enables a user for example to first confirm the attribute information received or transmitted

by the second reception unit or second transmission unit, then to confirm detailed information included in a file received or transmitted by the third reception unit or third transmission unit.

Each of the second and third reception or transmission units does not receive all of the file, and the user for example can know the outline of the file recorded in the information input apparatus at an earlier timing compared to a case of receiving or transmitting all of the file.

As acknowledged by the Examiner, Yamaya (US Pub. 2004/0109062) does not specifically teach an object only containing information in a part instead of in full of the categories out of the plurality of pieces of attribute information when the digital image generating apparatus is connected to the information processing apparatus. In other words, Yamaya does not disclose the second reception unit of claim 42 or the second transmission unit of claim 55.

Tanaka (USP 7,327,387) discloses a system connecting an electronic camera 10 and a communication device 80. In this system, the electronic camera 10 first transmits the names of directories and the names of files to the communication device 80, then the electronic camera 10 transmits the whole file corresponding to the name of file selected from the names of files by the communication device 80 (column 11, lines 11-36). Therefore, in order for a user to know the further detail of the file than the file name, the whole file is to be received. Receiving the whole file requires a larger amount of data to be transmitted and longer time to transfer the data than transmitting part of attribute information and part of information of the file in the manner recited in claims 42 and 55.

Accordingly, Tanaka does not teach or suggest to receive or transmit attribute information of a file part-by-part in the manner recited in new claims 42 and 55. Since these claimed arrangements differ in configuration and operation from Yamaya, Tanaka and the

combination thereof, the Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not teach, suggest, or otherwise render obvious the arrangements of claims 42 and 55 and their dependent claims. For similar reasons, claims 68 and 69 and their dependent claims are also distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection of claims, and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5352.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No **13-4500**, Order No. 1232-5352.

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